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1. The Czech National Council was founded in London in 1945 at the time of the liberation of Czechoslovakia and the return to that country of its exile government headed by the late President Eduard BENES.

2. The founder and leader of this group, known also by his name, is General PRONAL, pre-war Chief of Staff of the Czechoslovak Army. The group is extremely rightist (fascist) politically, is strongly anti-Sovietist and anti-communist. The movement itself is not a political party, as its members are recruited from various political parties, largely rightist. The chief aim of the group is to attain autonomy for all national minorities in Czechoslovakia—Germans, Slovaks, Ruthenians, Hungarians, and Poles.

3. PRONAL himself is also affiliated with the Committee for United Europe, and in such capacity works closely with the Polish group in London of General ANDERS.

4. While it is believed that General PRONAL does not have the official backing of the British, there are certain indications that he has the backing and financial support of certain unofficial British sources and of intelligence organs attached to ANDERS Polish group.

5. The most active area of PRONAL adherents, quite logically, is Germany. It is also quite logical to assume that in certain countries of South America, there are likewise active supporters of this movement.

6. The Czech National Council, as well as its Slovak counterpart, the Slovak Liberation Committee (led by Dr. Ferdinand BURGANSKY) Council abroad (led by Dr. Karol URDOR) are in direct Free Czechoslovakia, which organ has been given more of the United States Government.

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